

GOOD NEVVES ⁷⁸

FROM FRANCE.

Containing the Insolent

Demands of the IESVITES.

- Being
against
1. The KINGS Authoritie.
 2. The ordinary Iustice of his Maicstie.
 3. The dignitie and power of the Cardinalls, Archbishops, and Bishops of other orders & professions.
 4. The young Scholars vnder them.
 5. The good and well-fare of the Townes and Cities which receive them.
 6. The perfection of Sciences.
 7. The Antiquity & Comandements of the Church.
 8. The Resolution of the Clergie of France, and the Letters Parents of the Kings; and against the Sentences of Allowance and Registring thereof, which they themselves haue pursued.

TOGETHER WITH

The Decree or Final Iudgement of the Kings
Prive Councell given the 27. day of September 1624.

*In the Ioynt defence of the Vniuersities of France. And
against the Iesuites (in respect of their Insolent demands)
whereby they are forbidden to take upon them the
name, stile, or qualitie of an Vniuersitie, or to give
Degrees in any facultie or nomination
in any BENEFICES.*

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C O N T A I N I N G
CERTAINE REASONS,
Vpon which is grounded the De-
cree or Sentence from the Kings Councell
against the *Iesuites* demanding the abroga-
tion of a Decree of the Parliament at *Tholouse*.

By which they were commanded, that they should
not take vpon them the name, title, or qualitie
of an *Vniuersitie*; and that they should not
giue any degree in any *facultie*; nor
any nomination to any Benefices.



He *Vniuersities* haue
alwayes had such a fauour
of our *KINGS*, that they
haue bene received when
they did demand Iustice
of their *Principles*; not on-
ly in their own particular
causes, but also in causes
which did concerne the
publick estate of the Kingdome. The *Histories* and
publick *Acts* do plainly shew it, and also it may ma-
nifestly appeare by the Records of the Parliament at
Paris, that our King *Charles* the 7. when he would
restore and confirme the rights and fundamentall

lawes of his Kingdome. And having to this end assembled many great Lords to this Councell, there were heard as well their Atturney Generall, as also the Vniuersitie at *Paris*, and vpon that which they did represent were made many good Ordinances, to which his Maiestie did sware, and caused all his Officers and Councell to sware to them inuolably. It is manifest to all the world, that our King is not inferior to his Auncesors in doing Iustice to his Subjects, without acceptation of persons, after Gods Ordinance, by whose grace he doth raigne, with resolution to conserue his royall authoritie, with courage to mainraine his State in all the Bodies whereof it is composed against all Interprises. Therfore haue the Vniuersities being prest by an extreame necessity for to defend themselves against the assault, yea against oppression, which the *Iesuites* not being contented yet with the dissolutions and ruines which they haue brought vpon them heretofore, doe now take in hand to bring vpon them, in attributing to themselves their title and their rights (their title in making so many Vniuersities as they haue Colledges of their Societie, their rights in making the advancements, and giving the degrees to the Schollers, yea to them which the Doctors of the Vniuersitie hath refused, as if they were their superiors.) The same Vniuersitie doe hope that it will not be vnpleasing to the King, that the Deputyes should defend them. And in defending themselves in the presence of his Maiestie, and of the Lords of his Councell, they doe not vphold onely the Decree given to their profit by one of the most honorable Parliaments of his King.

Kingdome (that is to say) the Parliament at *Thoulouze*, of which the *Iesuites* dare demand the Abrogation, and so abusing the favour that his Maiestie hath done to them in taking one of them for his Confessor. A most singular favour, which till this present they haue not receiued of any of our holy Fathers, *hys Lobes*.
nor of the Kings of *Spainne*.

But also doe shew and prone by authentrick Acts, yea by the *Iesuites* owne writings, that the demand which they doe make now, and the proiects which they haue to attribute to every one of their Colledges the title and right of an Vniuersitie, are contrary and preiudiciall to the Kings authoritie, to the ordinary Iustice of his Maiestie, to the dignitie and power of the Cardinals, Archbishops, and Bishops of other orders and professions, to the yong Schollers vnder them, and to the good of the Townes which doe receiue them, to the perfection of Sciences and Antiquitie, & to the comandements of the Church, and to the resolution of the Clergie of *France* in the assembly at *Poissy*, in the yeare 1561. to the Letters Patents which they haue obtained of our Kings, *Henry* the second, *Francis* the second, *Charles* the ninth, *Henry* the third, and to those Letters which they haue had for their establishing of the King *Henry* the Great, of happie memory, and of our King which doth raigne at this present. As also to the Decrees of the allowance and registring thereof, which they themselves haue pursued in the Court of Parliament of this Kingdome.

1. Against the Kings authoritie.

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BEcause they will by vertue of a Bull which they say that they have obtained from our holy *Gregory* the 13. take vpon them power for to chuse and create Iudges, Conservators for all kinde of causes as well Civill as Criminall, and mixt: yea, & those in which they themselves should be demanders for their rights, lands, and houses, fruits, rents, and revenues, and for all other things moveable and immovable, spirituall and temporall, and that the Iudges which they should haue receiued, should doe Iustice according to the will of the rector of their Vniuersitie.

2. Against the Kings Authoritie.

BEcause by vertue of an Institution inserted and related in a Bull which they have obtained in the yeare 1540. of our holy Father the Pope, they retaine for their Generall, (which since their coming till this present day hath beene a stranger, a *Spaniard*, or one borne vnder the subiection of *Spaine*) all kinde of government and soveraigne authoritie over the Scholars which are of their Colledges, and over their Colledges, and over all others which are of their Societie, for to obey him alwayes, and to acknowledge him as one who hath the authoritie of our Lord Iesus Christ: and in their Vow they doe promise to him as to one which keepeth the place of God, all obedience, not onely for things obligatory, but also for all other things, though there

there should appeare no other thing to them but a signe of the Generalls will, without any expresse commandment; in doing all things that which should be commanded, in perswading themselves things to be lawfull, & in renouncing through a blind obedience, all advice and iudgement to the contrary, suffering themselves to be carried and moved even as a dead corpse, willing that no particular person, directly or indirectly, without the permission and approbation of their Generall, should aske or cause to be asked of our holy Father the Pope; nor of any other which is without the Societie, any grace for himselfe or for another: and that he should beleene if he did not obtaine his desire of his Generall, or with his consent thereto, it is not for him; though it were for divine service; and on the contrary, if it be fit for him by the consent of his Generall, which keepe the place of our Saviour Iesus Christ for him, that he shall obtaine it. And that which is said of the Colledges must also be understood to be said of the Vniuersities of the Societie in the same manner, that if they obtaine that which they demand for this present time, one must no more say for the royall Vniuersitie of Paris, but the Vniuersitie of the Societie, and so of all other Vniuersities of this Kingdome. And although that he hath communicate his power to other inferiour, which are in the Provinces, Visitators and Commissioners, yet alwayes he hath power to approbate or to abrogate and make void that which they have done, and to ordaine in all things that which he thinketh good. And alwayes they must obey him and honor him as one that is the Vicar of our Lord Iesus Christ.

3. Against the Kings authoritie.

BEcause they have a generall Agent which gi-
 veth advices to the Generall, as well of persons
 as of things, as it pleaseth them. And their Ge-
 nerall hath foure Assitants, one for the businesse of
France and *Germany*, another for *Italy*, and *Sicilie*, the
 other for *Spain* and *Portugall*, and the other, of the
Indies. And generally for to doe all things he hath a
 Generall Attourney of the Societie, and he hath eve-
 ry yeare a Catalogue sent vnto him of all the Houses
 and Colledges of the Societies, and another of all the
 Persons which are in every Province. They will also
 that there be in their pretended Vniuersities, a Se-
 cretary of the Societie, which keepeth a Booke, in
 which are written all the names of them which
 come to their Colledges, and which of them doe re-
 ceive promise to obey the Rector, and to obserue the
 Constitution. And if there are some which doe re-
 fuse to giue their names, and so doe register and en-
 role themselves, that he should represent and shew
 them, because they should take more particular care
 to the Schollers, whose names are written in the
 Booke of the Vniuersitie, and to speake it plainly
 and without dissembling, what can one say more, as
 to enrole, seduce, and retaine men for a stranger, as
 alwayes till this day the Generall of the said Societie
 hath beene. And this cannot be done in this King-
 dome without contrarietie, and infinite prejudice a-
 gainst our Kings authoritie. No man can serue two
 severall Lords, nor can as a subiect and vassall ac-
 knowledge the one and the other for his Lord. Our
 King

King cannot be acknowledged & served by a Generall, vpon the conditions here related, more then our holy Father the Pope can be in qualitie of a Vicar of our Lord Iesus Christ, as the Vniuersities with the Catholick, Apostolick, and Romane Church do acknowledge him for; and as a Generall that keepeth Gods place, and is our Lord Iesus Christs Vicar. But if they for to cloak this, say like as they are wont to doe, that they doe vow a particular obedience to his Holines, we answer, that they doe suppress it with that is written in their Constitutions, that it is onely for the Missions, and then they attribute to their Generall the full direction and power thereof.

4. *Against his Maiesties ordinary Iustice.*

BEcause that no bodie of their Colledges and Houses, whether he be of those which haue made their vowes, or of their helpers, or of their Scholars, must suffer himselfe to be examined for euill and much lesse for criminall causes, without the leaue of their superior, and that their superior must giue no leaue, if it be not in causes that concerne the Catholike Religion.

5. *Against the dignitie and power of the Cardinalls, Archbishops, and Bishops.*

BEcause they take away from them the power and authoritie of iudging, otherwise then is written in the Bull, which they say they haue gotten for to chuse Iudges, Conservators in all ciuill and criminall causes, and they doe constraîne them to iudge and decree according to their Institutes and Consti-

tutions, by vertue of a Bull which they had from our holy Father the Pope *Gregory XIII.* in the yeare 1584 which beareth the greatest excommunication, and a penaltie of disability to any Offices and Benefices secular and regular of all Orders, and that as soone as the deed shall be done, without any other declaration against all persons of whatsoever condition and preeminence they be, which shall withstand and gainsay directly and indirectly the Institutes and Constitutions of this Societie, or any of the Articles, vnder colour of dispute, and seeking of the truth. As also they doe attribute by vertue of their Institutes, Bulls, and Constitutions to their General the Government of all the Vniuersities which they haue. Which doth exclude and deprive the Cardinals, Archbishops, and Bishops, of the right and possession that they haue as Governours and Protectors of the Vniuersities, which doth exempt many Clerkes of their Iurisdiction.

*6. Against the Rules and Professions of
other Orders.*

BEcause that they in respect of those which haue a portion with them that they take the best Benefices for to ioyne them to their Colledges, as it is manifest; and in respect of others, they doe take vpon them all the Faculties, Concessions, exemptions, Indulgences, remission of sinnes, and grace as well spirituall as temporall, granted, & yet to be granted, which haue and shall haue in time to come all other Orders of beggars, Priests and Nunnes for to enjoy by them for all and in the whole so as they themselves, yea with as much right, and they will that

that all those which doe studie in their Colledges, or pretended Vniuersities, doe promise that they will obey them, and obserue all their Constitutions, for so much that if any Priests doe studie and take their degree and promotion, as there doe many in the Vniuersitie at *Paris*, and other Vniuersities, they should be bound against the rules of their Orders and Professions, to promise obedience to no other then their Superiors.

*7. Against the young Scholars, which are
under them.*

BECAUSE the professed Societie must take no care to teach in their Colledges perfection of living, & Letters worthy to a Christian, but onely those which are esteemed to haue the Talent, for they shall be as a Nurse-gardian to the professed Societie, & to his helpers, and they know that if with the Colledges the Vniuersities were also committed to the Societies, keeping in proceeding, the manner of which is spoken in the fourth part, they helpe to the same end, adding thersunto these speeches; *For the greater good of God, and the generall good of the Societie*, which know certainly, that they doe not establish their pretended Vniuersities, but onely for their particular interest and profit.

*8. Against the Wealth of the Cities which
doe receive them.*

BECAUSE they giue power to themselves for to bleaue and abandon the Colledges and Houses which they haue established, and they say that if

it doth appeare by prooffe that the Societie is more hindred then helped, and their Generall doth finde no remedie for it, that it then is lawfull to consider in the first generall Congregation, whether such an House, Colledge, or Vniuersitie ought to be abandoned or kept, with such a charge, and in abandoning it, they will dispose of it, and of all the revenues given vnto them, if there be not made an expresse reservation to the contrary by them which haue bin the builders of them.

9. Against the perfection of Sciences.

BEcause they doe reduce their pretended Vniuersities vnto three faculties: One for the Tongues, another for the Arts, and the third for Theologie; and they will note that there should be any Treatise of Physicke, nor of the lawes (though it be manifest that they are more necessary for mankinde) or at least, that the Societie should not be charged with it.

10. Against Antiquitie and the Commandments of the Church.

BEcause that their Scholars, and especially those which dwell in their Colledges, doe more then they heare and vnderstand the great Masse said by a Deacon and Subdeacon, for they doe not say it in their Churches, as it is knowne to every one, and they haue no Quiere, and they doe derogate the generall Councells.

11. Against

11. Against the resolution of the Clergie of France that was assembled at Poisy, in the yeare 1561. Against the Letters patents of our King and against the sentences of allowance and registering thereof, which they themselves haue pursued.

BEcause they doe take vpon them the title, name and rights of the Vniuersitie. The title and name in giuing the qualitie of an Vniuersity to every one of their Colledges for to make so many Vniuersities as they haue Colledges. The rights in making the Promotions and in giuing the degrees to the Schollers, yea to them to whom the Doctors of the Vniuersities haue refused it, if it be that their examiners do find them capable, as if they were their superiors. For by the resolution of the Clergie here dated, and by the Letters patents of our Kings here mentioned, and by the sentence of allowance and registering thereof, which they themselves haue pursued in the Courts of Parliament of this kingdome, it is expressely forbidden, that they should doe nothing either spirituall or temporall in preiudice of the Vniuersities; and they can doe no greater pre-

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judice to the Vniuersities then to make Vniuersities
of their Colledges, and so establish them and giue
them the titles and rights of Vniuersities like to
them of *Paris* and others of this Kingdome.

The Parties were heard on Friday last, the 28. of
September 1624. in the Hall where the Councell was
kept at *S. Germain in Lay*, where was a great
multitude of people, and the Iesuites
demandants were thrust from their
Letters of abrogation, and it was
ordained that the decree or
sentence at *Tholouse* should
stand in full force and
power.



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CONTAINING

A DECREE or FINALL
Iudgement from the Kings privie
Councell, given the 27 day of *Septemb.* 1624.
for the Vniuersities of FRANCE, ioyntly
against the *Iesuites* demanding the abroga-
tion of a Decree of the Parliament of *Tholouse*.

By which they were forbidden to take vpon them
the name, title, and qualitie of an Vniuersitie,
and to giue Degrees in any facultie, or
Nominat[i]on to any Benefices.

An extract out of the Registers of the
KINGS Privie-Councell.

Betweene the Societie of the Vniuersitie
of the towne of *Tournon*, being of the so-
ciety of *Iesus*, demandant in a request
and a decree from the Councell giuen
vpon the same, on the 15. of *Decem.* 1623.
& defendant on the one part: And the Societie of the
Vniuersities of *Tholouse*, *Valence* and *Cabors* defend-
ants; and the said Societie of *Tholouse* demandant in
a request of the 19. *Iuly* last past, on the other part,
without which the qualities may not hinder or
preiudice them. And also the Rector, Deans, Ar-
torneys and Deputies of the Vniuersity of *Paris*; the
Rector, Doctors and regents of the Vniuersity of

Bour-

Burdeaux; the Rector, Doctors, and deputies of the Vniuersity of *Reims*; the Rector, Dean, and deputies of the Vniuersity of *Poitiers*; the Rector, Deans, and deputies of the Vniuersitie of *Caen*; the Rector Deans, and Doctors of the Vniuersities of *Bourges*, *Orleans*, *Anger*, and *Aix*, coming all on the other part.

For which petition and the decree vpon the same dated the 15. of *December* 1623. being scene by the King in his Councell. In respect of the things therein contained, it pleased his Maiestie to abrogate and make voyde the decree from the Parliament of *Tholouse*, giuen against the demandant to the profit of the said Vniuersities of *Tholouse*, *Vallence*, & *Cahors*, the 4. of *Iuly* of the said year: & so doing to ordaine, that the decree of the rule of the Letters patents agreed vpon in the said Vniuersitie of *Tournon*, in the month of *December* 1622. should be executed according to the force and tenor thereof, and that the said Vniuersitie should be maintained and kept in the possession and enioying the Priuiledges, rights, and powers, to them agreed by the same: the Bulls of our holy Father the Pope *Inliez* Letters patents of the ratifying thereof, and decrees of the registering, notwithstanding the oppositions of the said Vniuersities of *Tholouse*, *Vallence*, and *Cahors*, to defend the said Societie of the said Vniuersities, nor to helpe themselues with the said decree of the 13. of *Iuly*, nor vnder colour of the same to trouble nor hinder the Rector, regents, and scholars, & deputies of the said Vniuersity of *Tournon* directly, nor indirectly in the enioying of the liberties, faculties and powers, which to them haue beene giuen, granted,

granted, confirmed, & augmented vpon penaltie of one thousand pounds costs damages and interest: by which decree was ordayned that the Societie of the said Vniuersities of *Tholouse*, *Valence*, and *Cahors* should be cald for, and in the meane time that the said Rector and regents of the sayd Vniuersities of *Tournon* should enioy the same Priuiledges, Authorities, Preeminences, and liberty which they did enioy before the said Letters of the month of *December* 1622. A Commission vpon the said decree on the said day. Acts of assignements of the 5. 9. and 13. of *January* last past. A copy of Bulls obtained by the Cardinall of *Tournon* deceased, of Pope *Iulie* 3. being creator of the said Vniuersitie of *Tournon*, there to make generall studies in Latine, Greek, Hebrew, Chaldean tongues, and morall, and naturall Philosophie; euen as the other Vniuersities; giuen in *Rome*, in the year 1552. the 3. day of *May*. For the furtherance of which, there are copies of the Letters of King *Henry* the second, of the 9. of *November*, of the same year being dated to the said Parliament of *Tholouse* and to the Seneschall of *Beaucaire* & *Nismes* for the proclaiming and registering of the said Bulls. Also the Act of the proclaiming and registering in the said Parliament of *Tholouse* the 11. of *Aprill* 1553. And in the registry of the Archbishop extracted out of the registers of the Parliament of *Paris* containing certaine conclusions and demands made by the Kings seruants in the said Parliament of the 26. *January* 1552. A copie of a contract of gift and legacie made for euer by the said Sir de *Tournon* deceased

ceased the said Fathers the Iesuits of the Colledge which he had caused to be builded in the said towne of *Tournaion*, with the appurtenances, dependancies and reueneue at the charge contained in the clauses and conditions, as be declared by the sayd contract passed before *Gilles Mesnager* and *Malshurin Porcher* Notaries publike in the court of Iustice at *Orleans* the 6. January 1560. accepted by *Don Iohn Baptist Violle* a Priest & Atturney generall of the Iesuities. And moreover is put downe the copie of the Procuracion of the generall of the said Fathers the Iesuities, for to accept the said gift and legacie of the 28. of *October*, of the same yeare; also the acte from the assembly that the Priests of the Abby of *Chaise-Dieu* being vnited to the said Colledge, had; which did approue and authorize the said contract of the 24. of *February* in the same yeare; extracted out of the register of the Parliament of *Paris*, concerning the Kings and the Queenes (his mothers) Letters for the verification of the aforegoing Letters patente, to the allowance and approbation of the Bulls, priuiledges, and institutions of the said Fathers the Iesuities in the said yeare 1560. A suite in Law of *M^r Mesnill* deceased, Aduocate in the cause of the Vniuersitie of *Paris*, and of the Fathers the Iesuities, followes the Counsell and resolution of the assembly of the Clergy of *France* kept at *Poissy*, in the yeare 1561. A copy of the acte of the assembly kept by the *Gallican Church* at *Poissy* aforesaid the 15. of *September*, 1561. A copy of the decree from the sayd Parliament at *Paris* of the 13. of *February* in the said yeare

yeare 1561. By which is ordained that the said Act made in the assembly at *Poissy*, should be registered vnder the conditions therein contained. A copy of the Letters Patents of the King *Charles* the ninth, given in the moneth of *July* 1561. for the conformation and allowance of the said gift and transport. A copy of the Decree of the Parliament of *Tholouse*, of the foureteenth day of *Februrie* in the said yeare 1561. for the Proclayming and registering of the said Letters of gift, vpon the charges and conditions as are mentioned in the Act of the Assembly kept at *Poissy*, the fifteenth day of *September* in the said yeare. A reliefe of King *Henry* the third, of the thirteenth day of *Aprill*, 1584. to the Parliaments of *Paris*, *Roan*, *Bordeaux*, *Dauphine*, *Province* and *Borgogne*, for to verifie and register the sayd Bulls of the said Vniuersitie at *Tournon*, and of the ratification which is Registered at *Paris*, *Grenoble*, and *Province* the ninth day of *Iune*, the ninth day of *November*, and the nineteenth day of *December*, in the said yeare, 1584. A Decree of the court of Parliament at *Aix* for the verification of the said Bulls and Letters the nineteenth day of *December*, 1584. A decree of the Court of Parliament at *Paris* of the nineteenth day of *Iune* 1584. for the execution of the said Letters Parents of the thirteenth day of *Aprill* aforesaid, in the same yeare; by which was ordained that the said Letters and Bulls should be registered, without which they may hinder or preiudice the freedome of the

Gallican Church, and without which the Patentees may take vpon them no other qualitie then of Scholars of the Colledge at *Tournon*, A Copie of a Petition extracted out of the Records of of the Vniuersitie at *Paris*, the seuenteenth day of this present moneth of *September*. An other Copy of a Declaration made by the Fathers the Iesuites to the said Vniuersitie, and extracted out of the sayd Records on the same day. A Copy of a Petition presented to the Parliament at *Paris*, by the Priests and Scholars of the Societie and companie of *I:esus*, of the Colledge at *Clermont*, vpon the reception to the Assemblie at *Poissy*, and the Conclusions of the Cheefe Attorney of the sayd Parliament: extracted also out of the sayd Records on the sayd day. A printed Copy of the Edict vpon the reestablisshing of the Fathers, the Iesuites given at *Rouen* in the moneth of *September*, 1603. Letters in the forme of a Comminaltie of King *Henry* the Great deceased in the moneth of *October*, 1604. By the which hee had allowed the sayd foundation; and for so much as it should be necessarie, confirmed the said Priuiledges and rights.

Other Letters in the forme of a Comminaltie of the moneth of December 1622. bearing such a like Confirmation, vnderneath which is the Registering of the Parliament at *Tholouse*, of the ninth of January 1623. A Decree of the said Parliament of the ninth of March of the said yeare 1623. Because

cause the said Demandants should enjoy the effect of the said Letters. And a Copie of an Act from the Assembly kept in the great Hall of the Colledge and Vniuersitie at *Aix*, on the twentieth-fifth day of Aprill of the said year 1623. by those of the said Colledge and Vniuersitie. A Copie of the Letters which the said Defendants haue obtained in the Chauncery at *Tholouse* the twelfth of Aprill 1624. for being received as Opposants against the Decree of the aboue-said Registring. An exploit of an Assignement of the fourth of May 1624. An Extract of a Presentation done in the said Assignement on the seauenteenth day following. A Decree of the said Parliament at *Tholouse* the thirteenth day of Iuly, in the said year 1623. betweene the Societie of the said Vniuersities at *Tholouse*, *Vallence*, and *Cahors*, having obtained the Kings Letters against the said Societie of the Fathers the *Iesuites* at *Tournon*. By the which allowing the said Letters, the said Obtainers were received as Opposants to the Examination of the said Decree of the Registring; and without having any regard therevnto, the said Fathers the *Iesuits* at *Tournon* were forbidden that they should take vpon them any name, title, or qualitie of an Vniuersitie, neither to giue any Catholickes of Studie, nor any Degrees in any Facultie, nor any nomination to the Benefices, vpon penaltie of dissolution, and other sentences: neuerthelesse that all Testimoniall Degrees and Nominations, which are given by them by authoritle of the same Decree of the Registring, should be of no value. And also they

which might haue obtained them, are forbidden not to vse the same vpon penaltie of five hundred pounds, without preiudice of the said Decree of the Registring concerning the vnion of the benefits there onely mentioned. A Decree of the said Parliament at *Tholouse* of the eleventh of the said moneth of Iuly, saying, That notwithstanding the things aboue-said and alledged by *Brun*, Attourney of the Societie of the Colledge of the *Iesuites* at *Tournon* hee should possesse, and the parties should appeare precisely on Thursday next. An Act of an Attestation of the twentieth of May 1614. passed before the Seneschall at *Tholouse*, that Master *Iohn de Brun*, Atturney in the Court, was Atturney of the said Fathers the *Iesuites*, which are of the Iurisdiction of the Parliament at *Tholouse*, and in the said qualitie did all their businesse, as well in demanding as defending. Another Decree from the Parliament vpon a Petition of the chiefe Atturney of the eleventh of August 1623. By which all Rectors, Principalls, and Overseers of the Colledges, and of the Iurisdiction as well of the said Fathers the *Iesuites*, as others, were forbidden to giue any Testimonials of the Studie in Parchment, with a seale, nor with a Preface. A quire of writing Paper Printed, containing the declarations of the twenty one of January 154. and of the twenty-third of Iune 1594. And Letters Patents of the moneth of December 1610. of the priuiledges granted by the King to the said Vniuersities at *Paris*. And the Decrees in consequence given to the priue Councell the seauenteenth of Decem-

December 1604. and the nineteenth of November 1612. A Petition of an Intervention of the said Rector, Deanes, Asturneyes, and Deputies of the said Vniversitie at *Paris*, the parties interposing themselves were received the seauenteenth of Iune last past. A signification of the twentieth of the said Moneth. Another Petition of Intervention of the Rector, Doctor, and Regent of the Vniversitie at *Bordeaux*; the parties interposing themselves were received, and there was an Act given vnto them of that they had imployed for the Intervention of the said Petition, and of that which had bene written and produced by the said Vniversitie at *Paris*; as also those at *Tholouse*, *Valence*, and *Cahors*, the twentieth of this present moneth of September. A signification of the said day. Another Petition of Intervention from the Rector, Doctors, and Deputies of the Vniversitie at *Reims*, the parties interposing themselves, were received the twentie-fifth of the said moneth of September. A signification of the same day. Another Petition of Intervention from the Rector, Deanes, and Deputies of the Vniversitie at *Poitiers*; the parties interposing were received in the moneth of Iune last past. An Act of a declaration, that for all their Productions and Intervention, they did imploy the said Petition, and all that which had bene written and produced by the Vniversitie at *Paris*. A signification of the moneth of September then next following. Another Petition of Intervention from the Rector, Deanes, and Deputies of the Vniversitie of *Caen*; the parties interposing them.

themselves were received the twenty-two of the said moneth of Iune. An Act of a declaration that he would imploy the said Petition for their Production, and all that which had beene produced and written by the Vniversitie at *Paris*. A signification of the twenty-third of September. A Petition of Intervention from the Rectors, Deanes, and Doctors of the Vniversities at *Bourges*, and *Orleanse*; the parties interposing themselves were received the twentieth of September, and an Act of their imployment. A signification of the said day. Petitions of Intervention from the Vniversitie at *Aix*, and *Angers*. A Petition of the Chancellor, Rector, and Doctors of the Vniversitie of *Cabers*, that they did imploy for their Production that which had beene written and produced by the said Rector, and Doctors of the Vniversitie at *Tholouse*, whereof they haue had an Act the twelfth of August last past. A signification of the said day: a Petition of the Societie at *Tholouse*.

A decree vpon the same that the Parties may be heard throughly of the same day the nineteenth day of *Iuly* last past. A direction in consequence of the fiftenth day of *August*. A direction betwene the said parties, of the two and twentieth day of *Aprill* last past, there to communicate, write and produce writings and productions, and all that which hath bin produced before my Lord of the Iudgement Court, Councellour to the King in his Priuie Councell, and ordinarie Master of the Petitions, of this Hall, as Commissioner hereto appointed, and to hear his report. And after that Master *Iohn Aubery*

Asbert Rector of the sayd Vniuersitie at *Paris*, hath beene heard for all the Vniuersities at *France* being. The King and his Councell at the same Instance of abrogation hath acquitted, and doth acquite the said Parties out of suite; Provided that the Demanders may provide themselves by a ciuill Petition against the said Decree in the said Parliament at *Thoulouse*, and there besides vpon the final conclusion of the sayd Interposers, his Maiesie doth ordaine that they should provide themselves so as they should thinke it fit, and without cost. Done in the Kings priue Councell kept at *S. Germaine en Laye* the seuen and twentieth day of *September 1624*. And this vnderneath conferd.

Signed.

De Choisy.



LE vv I's by the Grace of God, King of *France* and *Navarre*, to Our cheefe Vsher and Sargieant, herevnto required, send greeting. We doe charge & command you by these presents, that the Decree of our Councell hereto annexed

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nexed vnder Our Counter-seale giuen to day betweene the Societie of the Vniuersitie of the Towne of *Tournon*, of the Societie of *Iesus*, Demandant and Defendanc on the one part, and the Agent of the Vniuersitie at *Tholouse*, *Vallence* and *Cabors*, Defendants, and the said Agent of *Tholouse*, Demandant on the other part, And also the Rectors, Deanes, Atturnyes, Doctors, Regents, and Deputies of the Vniuersities at *Paris*, *Bordeaux*, *Reims*, *Poitiers*, *Carm*, *Bourges*, *Orleans*, *Angers* and *Aix*, deposing themselves on the other part: That you doe signifie vnto the said Agent of the Societie of *Iesus*, and all other to whom it shall appertain, that they doe not pretend any cause of Ignorance, but that they do obey herevnto: Commanding them in Our name, not to doe any thing against it, but to doe this and all other acts and exploits required, and necessarie for the execution of Our said Decree, vpon the request of the said Doctor, Deane, Atturney, and Deputie of the said Vniuersitie at *Paris*,
We doe charge you, without demanding
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any leaue. Hereof faile you not, for so is
Our pleasure. Giuen at S. *Germain en Lay*, the
27. of September, *Anno Dom.* 1624. and of Our
Raigne the 15.

Vnderneath is written by the King and his
Councell.

Signed

De Choisy.

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The first of these is the
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has been the only body in the
country which has been able to
maintain its independence of
the Crown.

And it is this independence
which is the basis of the
Constitution.

It is this

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